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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, CU, VE

SUBJECT: LABOR: VENEZUELA TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO CUBAN

LABOR CONGRESS

1. JOSE VARGAS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECRETARY OF THE VENEZUELAN CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS (CTV), STATES THAT THE CUBAN CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS (CTC) HAS INVITED THE CTV TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CTC LABOR CONGRESS WHICH STARTS NOVEMBER 11 IN HAVANA.

2. VARGAS STATES NO MEMBER OF CTV LEADERSHIP WISHED TO GO TO HAVANA DUE TO PROXIMITY OF THE VENEZUELAN NATIONAL ELECTIONS. HOWEVER CTV SECRETARY GENERAL RAFAEL LEON LEON, A COPEI PARTY MEMBER, FINALLY AGREED TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION. VARGAS SAYS LEON LEON GOING IN PRIVATE CAPACITY RATHER THAN AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CTV.

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IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT VARGAS ALSO COMMENTS THAT ACCION DEMOCRATICA

DECIDED NOT TO CONTEST WITHIN THE CTV DIRECTORATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CUBAN INVITATION INASMUCH AS INFORMAL SOUNDINGS SHOWED A SOLID MAJORCGY IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING THE INVITATION.

3. COMMENT: THE COPEI ADMINISTRATION MAY FIND LEON LEON'S VISIT A USEFUL SUBSTITUTE GESTURE TO APPEAL TO LEFTIST VOTERS IN THE FORTHCOMING NATIONAL ELECTIONS WITHOUT INVOLVING THE RISKS AND COMMITMENTS IMPLIED BY A MUCH DISCUSSED POSSIBLE PRE-ELECTORAL VISIT TO CUBA BY PRESIDENT CALDERA OR SOME OTHER HIGH GOV OFFICIAL. ACCION DEMOCRATICA SUPPORTERS WITHIN THE CTV DIRECTORATE MAY HAVE GIVEN TACIT ENCOURAGEMENT TO LEON LEON'S ACCEPTANCE IN THE BELIEF THAT HIS TRIP WOULD LOSE COPEI MORE VOTES THAN IT WOULD GAIN.

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